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ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

NEWS AND NOTES

THE following act for the incorporation of the Archaeological Institute of America was passed by the United States Senate on April 6, and by the House of Representatives on May 21, 1906. It was prepared by JOHN B. LARNER, Esq., of the Washington Society. The Honorable HENRY CABOT LODGE introduced it in the Senate, and the Honorable NICHOLAS LONGWORTH in the House of Representatives.

AN ACT

INCORPORATING THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That SIMEON E. BALDWIN, FREDERIC C. BARTLETT, WILLIAM N. BATES, W. K. BIXBY, CHARLES J. BONAPARTE, CHARLES P. BOWDITCH, HENRY F. BURTON, H. W. CALLAHAN, JOHN CAMPBELL, MITCHELL CARROLL, R. R. CONVERSE, J. T. EDMUNDSON, HOWARD P. EELLS, JOHN W. FOSTER, HAROLD N. FOWLER, BASIL L. GILDERSLEEVE, JOHN S. GRAY, J. E. HARRY, JOHN B. JACKSON, FRANCIS W. KELSEY, JOHN O. KOEPFLI, WILLIAM A. LAMBERTON, JOHN B. LARNER, SETH LOW, CHARLES F. LUMMIS, GEORGE F. MOORE, EDWARD DELAVAN PERRY, HENRY KIRKE PORTER, JOHN DYNELEY PRINCE, EDWARD ROBINSON, J. G. SCHURMAN, THOMAS DAY SEYMOUR, F. W. SHIPLEY, M. S. SLAUGHTER, CHARLES FORSTER SMITH, GEORGE S. SYKES, FRANK B. TARBELL, ANDREW F. WEST, BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER, JAMES R. WHEELER, JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE, JOHN H. WRIGHT, their associates and successors be, and they are hereby, created a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia by the name, title, and style of the Archaeological Institute of America, and by that name shall have perpetual succession for the purpose of promoting archaeological studies by investigation and research in the United States and foreign countries by sending out expeditions for special investigation, by aiding the efforts of independent explorers, by publication of archaeological papers,

and reports of the results of the expeditions which the institute may undertake or promote, and by any other means which may from time to time be desirable.

SEC. 2. That the government of said corporation shall be vested in a council consisting of the following ex officio members: The presidents, the honorary presidents, the vice-presidents, the treasurer, and the secretary of the institute and the editor in chief and the business manager of its journal, the presidents of affiliated societies and the chairmen of the managing committees of any American schools founded by the Archaeological Institute of America in foreign countries for classical or archaeological studies and research (including those now affiliated with the voluntary association known as the Archaeological Institute of America), and the chairman of the committee on American Archaeology, and of additional members annually chosen by the members of affiliated societies, as may be provided by the by-laws.

SEC. 3. That said corporation may make all by-laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with law that may be necessary or expedient to accomplish the purposes of its creation; and it may hold real estate and personal property in the United States and any foreign country for the necessary use and purposes of said organization to an amount not to exceed one million dollars. The principal office of said corporation shall be in Washington, in the District of Columbia, and its annual meetings may be held in such places as its by-laws may provide.

The bill for the preservation of the remains of American Antiquity, which was prepared by a Committee of the Archaeological Institute and of the American Anthropological Society, has also passed the Senate and the House, by unanimous consent. It was introduced in the House on January 9, 1906, by the Honorable JOHN F. LACEY of Iowa, and, in the Senate, by the Honorable THOMAS M. PATTERSON of Colorado. The text of this bill follows:—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who shall appropriate, excavate, injure, or destroy any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument, or any object of antiquity situated on lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States, without the permission of the Secretary of the Department of Government having jurisdiction over the lands on which said antiquities are situated shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized,

in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected: *Provided*, That when such objects are situated upon a tract covered by a bona fide unperfected claim or held in private ownership, the tract, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the proper care and management of the object, may be relinquished to the Government, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to accept the relinquishment of such tracts in behalf of the Government of the United States.

SEC. 3. That permits for the examination of ruins, the excavation of archaeological sites, and the gathering of objects of antiquity upon the lands under their respective jurisdictions, may be granted by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and War, to institutions which they may deem properly qualified to conduct such examination, excavation, or gathering, subject to such rules and regulations as they may prescribe: *Provided* That the examinations, excavations, and gatherings are undertaken for the benefit of reputable museums, universities, colleges, or other recognized scientific or educational institutions, with a view to increasing the knowledge of such objects, and that the gatherings shall be made for permanent preservation in public museums.

SEC. 4. That the Secretaries of the Departments aforesaid shall make and publish from time to time uniform rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

The Archaeological Societies of San Francisco, Utah, and the Northwest have been accepted as Affiliated Societies of the Institute.

JUNE, 1906.